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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 06, 2019 4:14 PM

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Access to Enron Documents

**Importance:** High

Hi [REDACTED] –

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]

The Enron information was made available to the public several years ago, but when privacy information (social security numbers, bank account numbers) was found within the data, certain links were disabled. The database had been managed by a third party contractor [REDACTED], but that contract has been discontinued due to the high cost of removing the PII, which we were advised would take many months to perform. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Thank you,

[REDACTED]  
**Office of the General Counsel -**  
**General and Administrative Law**  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
(202) 502-[REDACTED]

**DOCUMENT 2**

**Subject:**

FERC Action Needed Re Enron Data

**Date:**

Monday, June 24, 2013 6:24:45 PM

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[REDACTED]

The purpose of this email is to alert you to a substantial amount of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) that was recently discovered in FERC's voluminous Enron data files. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IT staff removed the data from public accessibility, and conducted its own data scan which confirmed the existence of a large amount of PII. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Background**

[REDACTED]

However, in April of this year, an electronic data search company named [REDACTED], informed FERC staff that it had discovered approximately 10,000 instances of PII in publicly available Enron data derived from FERC files. Moreover, two additional data search companies have noted or confirmed the presence of PII among the Enron data initially accessed through FERC. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In an effort to protect FERC data, IT staff disabled public access to the Enron data available through FERC's website. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it would cost in the neighborhood of one million dollars to perform a basic purge of the data and up to eight million dollars to have a guaranteed total removal of all PII. Clean-up could take many months to perform, perhaps a year or

more. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

The Enron data is now over a decade old. FERC receives no more than 10 requests annually for data that costs approximately \$125,000 per year to maintain. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The expense of maintaining the public availability of the data is difficult to justify; combined with the expense of a clean-up of PII, [REDACTED] we recommend that FERC discontinue the public availability of the data because (1) it contains PII, (2) the expense of purging the PII is astronomical, (3) the data is otherwise costly to maintain in relation to its benefits, and (4) the data has diminishing relevance in view of its age. [REDACTED]  
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